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Congress still undecided about presidential election date. Ydigoristas are vigorously pressing for November 17 or 24. Because of constitutional requirement presidential candidates be inscribed at least 30 days prior election, these dates would exclude PR and likewise any new coalition candidate instead of Ortiz thus assuring victory to Ydigoras. PR is pressing for later date. Some Congressmen are fearful if PR is denied participation in presidential elections it will create further disturbances which Army will decline put down. Information from other sources indicate PR at this time is interested primarily in new congressional elections.

Two of new appointees to three man electoral tribunal have refused accept office and Congress and President must each appoint one new one. Consequently tribunal decision on validity recent congressional elections is being delayed. In radio address last nite Ydigoras reaffirmed his anti-Communist position. His followers meanwhile announced formation of new pro-Ydigoras coalition entitled Agrupacion [illegible]cional Anti-Communista and called upon all Anti-Communists to join. President Flores yesterday told press exiles not (repeat not) subject transitory Article 6 of Constitution will be permitted return in accord with law.

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